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Column One
by David Courtney

GENERAL Eisenhower in Korea had something better to do, no doubt, than look into the running of the prisoner-of-war camps. One hopes that General Eisenhower in office, as President, will find time to look into it. The findings of the International Red Cross Committee after investigations began in the spring of the year are not pleasant reading and have particularly uncomfortable impact alongside the latest reports of prisoner-of-war demonstrations and their putting down by savage machine-gunning. The Chinese may do worse, and the Russians worse still; but not in the name of U.N. It is also a fact that the machine-gunning at Pongam prison camp was done by South Korean guards and not by American or European troops; but it was done in the name of U.N. and under the command of a high-ranking U.N. officer.

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THE effect of these incidents upon the general problem of the Korean war may carry some weight. Probably they make no difference to the policies of Pyongyang, Peking and Moscow. They do make a difference to such Asian public opinion as there may be — in India, for example, as well as in the territories directly affected by the struggle between Communism and the West — and add enormously to the psychological armoury of the Communist Governments. They also serve to throw doubt on the wisdom of a policy designed, from all accounts, gradually to hand over U.N.'s military responsibilities in Korea to the South Koreans.

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BUT there is small sign of an approaching end to the war. In London it is felt that the Chinese would like to end it and get on with their big programme of industrialization, but have been persuaded by the Soviets to reject the U.N. proposals for settling the prisoner-of-war issue and concluding an armistice. It sounds only too logical. Korea exists the Soviets no more than a few pence but keeps Western troops, equipment and money tied up uselessly. It is a source of provocative Asian propaganda and from time to time serves as a nasty irritant within the ranks of the Western allied Governments. On all counts, therefore, it is in the interests of the Western nations to end the conflict speedily. How?

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GENERAL MacArthur claims to have worked out a solution. President-elect Eisenhower has expressed interest in it. "I have just received on board the Helena excerpts from your speech, and am gratified at your continued interest in the Korean war... I appreciate your announced readiness to discuss these matters with me.." In his acknowledgment, MacArthur said: "...this is the first time the slightest official interest in my counsel has been evidenced since my return." Mr. Truman was scornful of General MacArthur's "clear and definite" solution and bitter about the exchange of telegrams between "the five-star general on active service, with a duty to report to his Commander-in-Chief," and the President-elect. It is impossible to sift this extraordinary political shadowboxing to see where the likelihood of a Korean solution comes in.

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AMERICAN reports say that the commanders in the Korean field have advised General Eisenhower that the only way to bring the Communists to their senses is to destroy or fatally damage the Chinese and North Korean armies between the present front line and the Yalu. According to this argument, final victory, which probably is doubtful, would not be necessary as long as the U.N. troops could get up to the Korean "waist," along the line Pyongyang-Hungnam, which could be held much more cheaply than the present line. And General Van Fleet has just said that the U.N. troops are better able to wage a winter campaign against the Communists than the Communists are to wage a campaign against U.N. The talk, then, is of renewed war, not of peace.

Jerusalem, December 18.

Pact Signing Off Till Today to Permit Talks

By Moshe Brilliant, POST Parliamentary Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Meeting at the home of Mayor Israel Rokach in Rothschild Boulevard this afternoon, leaders of Mapai and the General Zionists agreed to defer the signature of their new coalition agreement for 24 hours and in the interim to seek means of inducing Hapoel Hamizrahi and the Progressives to join the Government. Meanwhile, a committee was formed to draft the final text of the agreement which will be formally signed in the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem tomorrow afternoon.

Earlier today, the 41 member Executive committee of Hapoel Hamizrahi, convening at their headquarters about 100 metres from Mr. Rokach's house, voted unanimously for a resolution favouring the principle of a broad coalition, but stating that they could not participate in a Government based upon the programme adopted by Mapai and the General Zionists.

They thus rejected the offer of two Cabinet posts and three portfolios but their resolution left the door open for new talks on the basis of a modified programme.

The Progressive Party executive will meet tomorrow to consider the offer of one portfolio. Spokesmen for the new coalition said there was no possibility of modifying the coalition programme before its signature tomorrow as last minute concessions to Hapoel Hamizrahi or the Progressives. They said, however, that they might offer safeguards.

Main Mizrahi Objection

With regard to Hapoel Hamizrahi, for instance, their main objection to the Mapai-General Zionist programme is the provision for the reform of the education system next term, abolishing partisan control of schools and introducing a unified State-controlled network but with special schools for those wishing religious education. Hapoel Hamizrahi had come around to accepting the principle of unified education but held out for a provision that a religious authority such as the Chief Rabbinate should determine what is religious education. This demand was rejected but the coalition parties will offer other safeguards designed to satisfy the Orthodox groups about the character of the religious schools.

A more complicated issue is the provision in the new coalition programme for the amendment of the Knesset election laws designed to exclude from the Knesset parties polling less than 10 per cent of the votes in national elections. This is strongly opposed both by Hapoel Hamizrahi who obtained over seven per cent in the last national elections and by the Progressives who polled about four per cent. The coalition agreement permits some elasticity with regard to details of election reforms but stands firm on the principle of enacting legislation designed to bar the smaller parties from the Knesset.

It was also stated that there was no intention to make to Hapoel Hamizrahi a more generous offer of portfolios.

B.G. Receives Lamifnah

In the afternoon, Prime Minister Ben Gurion received two representatives of the Lamifnah faction of the Hapoel Hamizrahi, the Minister of Health, Dr. Y. Burg, and Mr. Hamel, M.K. They came from Tel Aviv after the conclusion of the Hapoel Hamizrahi Executive committee meeting.

The meeting lasted almost two hours. It is understood that the questions of education and the electoral reform were discussed. Leaving the meeting, the two Hapoel Hamizrahi representatives were moderately optimistic about the chances that some kind of compromise might still be found on the issues preventing their party from participating in the new coalition.

Earlier in the day, the Minister of Posts, Rabbi Nissenzol Nissenbaum, and Rabbi Israel Rosenberg, M.K., conferred for an hour with the Prime Minister and protested against the exclusion of the Mizrahi party from the new coalition. Mr. Ben Gurion said he regretted Hapoel Hamizrahi and Mizrahi as one entity and he had offered them two Cabinet seats and three Government portfolios. How these would be divided was an internal matter for the parties concerned, he said. (Hapoel Hamizrahi with eight seats in the Knesset have two places in the outgoing Government and Mizrahi with two Knesset members have one in the Cabinet).

Rabbi Nissenbaum, who had been appointed Minister of Posts only five weeks ago, told the Prime Minister that in the short time he was in office he had come to love his ministry and had begun to introduce five steps to ensure that all citizens would be able to get telephones. He showed the Prime Minister a letter from a pensioned subaltern, a big concentration of underground rabbis in Europe, about credits and loans and said that he had begun paying pensions' contents to develop the services. He reminded Mr. Ben Gurion of pledging the interests of a "party boy" before those of the country.

In accordance with the decision taken at the Mapai-General Zionist meeting this afternoon, a Mapai delegation conferred with the Progressives at the home of Mr. Izhar Harari and the General Zionists later invited Progressive leaders to the home of Mr. Rokach. Variations of the proposal to bar smaller parties from the house were discussed, but no agreement was reached. Tomorrow a delegation of the Progressive Party will confer with the Prime Minister, at his invitation.

To Meet Today

Hapoel Hamizrahi representatives are to meet a Mapai and General Zionist delegation tomorrow.

Hapoel Hamizrahi and the Progressives also met this evening in Mr. Harari's house for an exchange of information.

Because of the uncertainty about these two parties' participation, the General Zionist executive committee postponed their meeting at which the division of their portfolios was to have been discussed. If only Mapai and the General Zionists remain in the coalition, the Justice, Social Welfare, Religious Affairs and Posts and Telegraphs portfolios will remain for distribution and the General Zionists would then probably get another seat in the Cabinet.

An informal party is to be held this afternoon at the Prime Minister's home in Jerusalem. The guests will be members of the joint Mapai-General Zionists Committee which conducted the negotiations leading to the broadening of the coalition.

Prime Minister To Resign Tomorrow

The extraordinary Cabinet meeting, which was expected to have been held today, was postponed yesterday for 24 hours. This will give all parties more time for negotiations, it was said in Jerusalem last night.

The Cabinet is due to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, and at 11 a.m. Prime Minister Ben Gurion is expected to tender his Cabinet's resignation to President Ben-Zvi.

Monitor to Head Bond Delegation to Israel

NEW YORK, Wednesday (JNA). — The Israel Bond Drive leaders will be leaving for Jerusalem on Sunday to confer with Mr. David Ben Gurion on relations between the Israel Government and the Bond Organization, Mr. Henry Morgenthau announced today. He himself is unable to go through ill health. Mr. Henry Monitor will head the group.

East Germans in Cairo Will Try to Grab Bonn Trade

From Our Special Correspondent

An official East German delegation is to arrive in Cairo during the first half of January, it was reported yesterday in the Egyptian capital. This follows the East German offer to establish trade contact with Egypt and to supply Egypt with all those goods it would have received from West Germany.

There will also be political advisers within the delegation to deal with problems common to both countries, among them their attitude towards Israel. The East German Government had announced that it disapproved of the agreement between West Germany and Israel, and that it was ready to take the place of West Germany in the Arab countries in case the boycott of German goods would be enforced by the Arab League.

Meanwhile, Dr. G. Pawelke, the West German Ambassador in Cairo, handed over to General Nagib the reply of the Bonn Government to the Egyptian note protesting against the payment of reparations to Israel. The contents of the note have not yet been revealed, but Dr. Pawelke declared that a number of German officers who were now in Egypt collaborated with the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and had made unforeseen difficulties and caused a deterioration in Arab-West German relations.

It was reported from Baghdad, however, that the Iraqi Finance Minister had declared that an Arab League boycott of West Germany would not affect existing trade agreements between Iraq and West Germany.

Japanese Working For U.S. Army on Strike

TOKYO, Wednesday (Reuter). — More than 20,000 Japanese workers employed by the American forces in the Yokohama area launched a 24-hour strike today. The walkout, called by the All Japan Workers Union of Garrison Forces, is to back demands for improved working conditions, the conclusion of a union contract and fewer dismissals.

Japanese Premier Shigeru Yoshida and Ichiro Hatoyama, "old guard" leader, have patched up their long-standing differences inside the Liberal Party, enabling the Government yesterday to pass its 79,700m. yen (about £79m.) supplementary budget.

Coal miners began to return to work today after accepting a government mediation offer of a seven per cent wage increase.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Premier Alcide de Gasperi of Italy and French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman conferred yesterday afternoon at the Quai d'Orsay in Paris. A spokesman said the two talked over trade and political relations between the two countries.

Bulgaria Promises Not to Restrict Jews' Emigration

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Mr. Gershon Avner, Israel's Charge d'Affaires in Bulgaria, presented his credentials to Mr. M. Neichev, Bulgarian Foreign Minister, in Sofia yesterday.

After the ceremony Mr. Neichev told Mr. Avner that Bulgaria would not prevent the emigration to Israel of any Bulgarian Jews who wished to come here, although his country would prefer to see them remain there and help with the task of reconstruction. There are at present some 7,000 Jews still living in Sofia and other Bulgarian towns.

AVNER

Reporting this conversation today, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said that the Bulgarian Foreign Minister had told Mr. Avner that before his death Mr. G. Dimitrov, the late Bulgarian leader, had instructed the Bulgarian people to permit Bulgarian Jews to emigrate to Israel.

The spokesman said that the Israel Government would publish within the next few days its reply to the Czechoslovak and Polish Governments on their action in declaring Mr. A. Kubovi persona non grata.

Jerusalem Council Marking Time

Decisions on a number of important problems facing the Jerusalem Municipality, including completion of the 1952-53 budget and staff dismissals, are being delayed pending final developments in the national political scene.

A scheduled meeting of the Municipal Council was postponed last night by general agreement of all the parties, but Mayor Y. Kariv (Mizrahi) has called another one for Sunday. His coalition of Orthodox, General Zionist and Herut representatives is marking time as is the opposition consisting of Mapai, Mapam and Progressives.

The proposed ordinary budget of about IL.45m. is almost ready for consideration by the finance committee, and it is still possible that the Councillors will overlook national politics in an effort to complete work on the budget. A special meeting may be called to settle the budget then next week and possibly to discuss the discharge of city employees.

The threatened strike of the municipal staff was averted yesterday by payment of their November salaries.

Cost-of-Living Pay Is Now IL.60

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Agreement on the payment of an additional IL.6 a month cost-of-living allowance to from December 1 was reached here this evening by Mr. A. Becker, on behalf of the Histadrut, and Mr. S. Klinghofer and Mr. Z. Shertel for the Manufacturers Association.

The increase follows a 10-point rise in the C.o.l. during the past three months.

Before the new index was started with September, 1951 as its base, the C.o.l. has risen by 74 points, so that the allowance now amounts to IL.60 per month.

U.N. Rejects Arab Morocco Resolution

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Political Committee of the General Assembly today rejected the Arab-Asian resolution on Morocco.

The Political Committee approved an amended resolution by 31 Latin-American countries calling for negotiations aimed at introducing self-government for the Moroccans. Voting was 40 in favour, five against and 11 abstentions.

Paris Cabinet Split On Tunisian Issue

PARIS, Wednesday. — A split is reported in the French Cabinet over the lengths to which it will go to end the impasse over Tunisian home-rule negotiations. The problem has been brought to a head through the recent violence in the protectorate and Bey Sidi Mohammed Al Amin's reported agreement and then refusal to approve parts of the reform plan.

Some of M. Pinay's ministers demand that the Bey be deposed and a special council be created to take over his functions until a successor is appointed, reliable sources said. Other cabinet members, taking a moderate view, want the government to accept the Bey's latest note asking that talks be resumed.

In Tunis today, the French authorities banned two Cairo publications, "El-Nida" and "El Katab," from circulation in the protectorate. Two French pro-Communist papers, "France Magazine" and "Femmes Francaises," were also banned.

In Cairo, meanwhile, representatives of the Arab-Asian bloc announced a special conference of the bloc to be held there, after the December 20 meeting of the Arab League Political Committee, to "take strong counter-measures against French aggression in North Africa." The League meeting has also been summoned for this purpose.

Acting Egyptian Foreign Minister Fathy Radwan, today urged the use of American influence with France to stop, primarily against the Bey of Tunis. His colleague, Minister of Justice Caffery to request this action from his Government, impressing on him "the serious effect" events in North Africa have on Egyptian and Arab opinion, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

A demonstration of 10,000 Egyptian university students was held today, attacking American as "the power behind French aggression in North Africa." (Reuter, UP)

NEW U.S. ENVOY

MOSCOW, Wednesday (Reuter). — Mr. Jacob D. Beam, new Charge d'Affaires of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, arrived here today from Leningrad.

Mr. Beam, 44, was appointed last month to be U.S. representative here after the Soviet government had declared Ambassador George Kennan to be unacceptable.

Belgrade Severs Diplomatic Ties With Holy See

BELGRADE, Wednesday (Reuter). — Marshal Tito today broke off diplomatic relations with the Vatican — 18 days after the elevation of Yugoslav Archbishop Stepinac to the rank of Cardinal.

The reason of the break was given as "Vatican interference in Church-State relations" in Yugoslavia.

The Marshal yesterday described the promotion of Archbishop Stepinac as an insult to Yugoslavia and said he was a "war criminal." He also blamed the Vatican for British Roman Catholic opposition to his visit to London next March.

Deputy Foreign Minister Ales Bebler today handed the note announcing the break to the Vatican Charge d'Affaires, Monsignor Silvio di Oddi, and informed him that Yugoslavia had decided to break off diplomatic relations with the Vatican, it was unofficially reported.

India Backs 'Package' Admission to U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday (UP). — India announced today it will vote for the Polish resolution to admit 14 countries to U.N. membership en bloc.

Krishna Menon explained India's stand to the Ad Hoc Political Committee which has been debating the long-deadlocked issue of new members for five days.

The Indian delegate took exception to the provision for "simultaneous" admission of the 14 states contained in the latest "package deal" resolution of the Communist bloc, but did not offer an amendment. He would support the proposal as the best possible move to break the impasse over new members.

Senator Alexander Wiley, U.S. delegate, speaking in the General Assembly today urged the endorsement of Japan and the Associated States of Indo-China for U.N. membership. He said the U.S. had told the Ad Hoc Political Committee that failure to give this endorsement to Japan would be an "act of unwarranted discrimination."

Senator Wiley's remarks were made in a speech renewing U.S. opposition to the applications of the Communist-sponsored states of Albania, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary and Outer Mongolia, and its support of the applications of Austria, Cambodia, Ceylon, Finland, Italy, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Libya, Nepal, Portugal, Vietnam and South Korea.

Czech Premier Admits People 'Discontent and Rebellious'

VIENNA, Wednesday (AP). — Premier Anton Zapotocky of Czechoslovakia admitted "there is discontent and rebellion among the people," and warned: "Against this rebellion there is no help. It can only be eliminated by a fulfilment of the (economic) plan."

The Czechoslovak Premier made the statement in a speech to a meeting of miners in Kladno. His speech was published in today's Prague newspaper, "Rude Pravo."

He said, "People complain, among other things, that they cannot buy coal for winter and that their food rations are insufficient. We cannot provide the people with coal required for our industrial plan, and the plants lack hundreds of thousands of tons of coal."

M. Zapotocky's speech followed reports of food shortages that a few weeks ago actually caused "hunger demonstrations" by Czechoslovaks who, with insufficient food in their stomachs, defied Communist police.

The Premier indicated that the regime had not been able to bring that defiance under control: "People say that although we have done away with capitalist profit we have replaced it with profits for the state through exploitation of human labour, and that there is no difference."

He said that the Czechoslovaks "go to work, but they do not work and they oppose the new Soviet working methods."

The Kladno mine, he said, employed 1,322 workers in 1948, but today it had only 1,151 owing to absenteeism and other causes. Production in the mine had risen, per man, per year in 1949, but this had been accompanied by a 104 per cent increase in wages.

"When our people run into difficulties they ask whether our way to socialism is the right way," he complained. "They ask if we have exaggerated our plans and whether the plans can be fulfilled. They can be, if we apply ourselves."

The Premier's admissions last night by western experts that the Soviet Union's industrial economy and Czechoslovakia have sustained many blows in the nation. Production has been increased — but evidence of war goods for the Korean war is lacking. Only about half of a possible cent for the standard of Czechoslovakia's German high standard of living. Industrial output has been static, but the workers have continued their efforts to offset poor food supplies, poor clothing, poor housing conditions and poor tools and technique in the usual type.

Anti-Zionism Czech 'Defence'—Gottwald

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Czechoslovak President Clement Gottwald said yesterday that the "Slansky gang" had gone unnoticed for so long because they had their collaborators everywhere, especially in the Ministry of Internal Security.

Prague Radio last night broadcast the speech by the President to the Czechoslovak Communist Party in Prague.

In spite of their collaborators the gang had been unmasked "comparatively quickly" after the first arrests in 1949, Dr. Gottwald said. He added that the state had uncovered a "new channel through which treason infiltrated into the Party—that channel is Zionism."

Anti-Zionism was not anti-Semitism—"an affair of Judaic racism" but anti-Zionism was a defence of Czechoslovak sovereignty and territorial supremacy. By liquidating the "American hirlings among Czechoslovaks they became stronger," Dr. Gottwald said.

He declared that the accusation that the Slansky group were Tito deviationists "needs to be corrected somewhat." The point of the association was believed to mean that "there is no room in Czechoslovakia for the traitor Tito and everybody who would go to imitate him will end where Slansky did."

AUSTRIAN ATTACHE MISSING IN RUMANIA

VIENNA, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Austrian Commercial Attache in Bucharest, Franz Josef Popper, has been missing since October 18, the "Neue Wiener Tageszeitung" said today.

Popper has lived in Bucharest since 1924 and has been in charge of Austrian trade representation from 1945. The paper said requests for information of his whereabouts made by the Austrian Charge d'Affaires had been fruitless.

NATO To Aid France In Indo-China War

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuter). — Western defence planners here today agreed to back France in her seven-year old war in Indo-China. The 14-nation Atlantic Council passed a resolution recognising that France's resistance was in keeping with the "aims and ideals of the Atlantic community" and deserved "continuing support from the NATO."

It was not immediately clear what form of aid would be available but French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman hailed the Council's action as aiming at "more than moral help — it is material help."

Lord Ismay, Secretary-General of the Council, while admitting at a press conference that no practical methods for assisting France were discussed, made it clear that NATO countries were now expected to give positive aid to the French Union forces fighting the Vietminh rebels.

Several West European members of the Atlantic Pact, including Britain, today warned the Ministerial Council that increased arms-spending might seriously endanger national economies.

Conference sources said the Ministers had stressed that such a threat would play into Moscow's hands by strengthening Communist movements in the West.

The debate followed presentation of a military estimate of possible Soviet aggression which said the strength of the alliance was insufficient at present to safeguard member states.

Europe Army Delay

The NATO Council also urged that five states in the council who have signed the European Army Treaty to ratify it as quickly as possible. West Germany is the sixth signatory to the treaty, which will bring German forces into Western defence arrangements, but is not a member of NATO. None of the signatories have yet ratified the treaty.

British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the Council that the East German zone was being increasingly "militarized" and the forces there had recently been rapidly expanded. On behalf of the three Western occupying powers in Germany, Mr. Eden said the Western offer to Russia and four-power talks on early all-German elections "still held good."

Ike Discusses World Peace with MacArthur

NEW YORK, Wednesday (AP) — President-elect Dwight Eisenhower and General Douglas MacArthur conferred today and they said afterwards they had a very pleasant reunion and discussed the problem of peace in Korea and the rest of the world.

Talking in a very low voice audible only to those directly in front of him, the President-elect said he had a very pleasant meeting with "two very good friends" — MacArthur and Mr. John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State-designate. Without going into the slightest detail regarding the nature of their conference, Gen. Eisenhower said he had a "very fine conversation" with Gen. MacArthur.

Disalle Named Head Of Economic Stabilization

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — President Truman yesterday appointed Mr. Michael Disalle as Economic Stabilization Administrator succeeding Mr. Roger Putnam.

President Truman also announced that Mr Henry Fowler had agreed to stay on as Director of Defence Mobilization until the Eisenhower Administration takes office.

Mr. Disalle was formerly Price Stabiliser. He resigned that post to stand as Senator for Ohio, but lost to his Republican opponent.

Uncertainty in Britain Over Split Mediterranean Command

By George Lichtheim, POST Correspondent

LONDON, Wednesday. — Second thoughts on NATO's new Mediterranean Command disclose some uncertainty over its future. It is noted here that Lord Mountbatten is "initially" to command non-American naval forces. This opens up the possibility that operational command of British units will, in wartime, pass under American control, a prospect that worries some Conservatives.

It is also thought that the arrangement may require revision if a Middle East Command is formed and Turkey removed from Admiral Carney's control. At present, Admiral Carney's Sixth Fleet is responsible for support of land operations anywhere from Italy to Turkey.

Presumably these uncertainties account for NATO's refusal to appoint a supreme commander in the Mediterranean co-equal with General Ridgway, but such an appointment is still possible although the post is not likely to go to Britain.

These implications of yesterday's announcement account for its lukewarm reception in Parliament and the press. The only paper to welcome it unreservedly was the "Manchester Guardian" which lays no great store on prestige questions and welcomes the concentration of American striking force under Admiral Carney who "will now presumably be free to use it, if need should arise, to bomb the Caucasus and support land operations."

Little attention is paid here to yesterday's meeting of the Arab League in Cairo nor to the Egyptian note of protest which implies coal Britain for blame in connection with recent Western efforts to promote peace between the Arabs and Israel. The note refers to an alleged undertaking given by Anthony Eden, British Foreign Minister in March, 1950, not to bring pressure to bear on the Arabs to negotiate with Israel.

There is no recollection here of any such undertaking and no particular sympathy for the Egyptian point of view.

CHURCHILL TO VISIT AMERICA

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Winston Churchill will go to Washington for talks with President-elect Eisenhower "either in mid February or in March," usually well informed quarters stated here today.

These quarters said no official arrangements have yet been made but that it was believed in London that Gen. Eisenhower would find it convenient to meet Mr. Churchill shortly after his installation as President on January 20.

Missing Scientist's Sisters in Vienna

VIENNA, Wednesday (AP). — Two sisters of Mr. Bruno Pontecorvo, missing British atom scientist, are attending the Communist-sponsored World Peace Congress in Vienna, it was disclosed today.

Their presence here lent weight to much Western speculation that Mr. Pontecorvo voluntarily went to Moscow to work for the Russians when he disappeared in Helsinki in September, 1950. Also present at the Peace Congress is another former scientist in Britain's atomic research station at Harwell — Hungarian-born Mr. Lajos Janossy who deserted the West to work for the Budapest communists.

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Social & Personal

Ex-Chief Yisrael Yadin called on President Ben-Zvi at his home yesterday. The President later received delegations representing Mizrachi women from Haifa, Ramle, the "Triangle" and Galilee. Later the President paid a courtesy visit to Chief Rabbi Uziel.

U.S. Senator Guy M. Gillette called on Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett at Rikiv's yesterday.

Rabbi Symcha Kaper, Chairman of the Zionist Organization of South Africa was received yesterday by the Minister of Finance.

Aluf Mishaq Assaf Simhony has been appointed Acting Northern Area Commander, the appointment effective immediately.

The Government Names Committee, appointed by the Prime Minister's Office to give names to new settlements and places, is at present on a two-day tour of the Negev to inspect sites of historic interest.

The Aharoni Memorial Prize, granted by the Aharoni family, for research in utilizing citrus products will be awarded by the Research Council to Mr. I. Eshkenazi at six o'clock today at the Manufacturers' Association, 13 Rehov Montefiore, Tel Aviv.

The Henrietta Szold Foundation for Child and Youth Welfare is to hold its annual memorial meeting for Henrietta Szold at 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Beit Hakhalutz in Jerusalem. Problems of education of immigrant youth are to be discussed. The public is invited.

At today's luncheon meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, Mr. John E. Chadwick, first Secretary of the British Embassy, will speak on "Man Mars."

A mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Monday at Notre Dame de France in Jerusalem on the occasion of the secondal jubilee of the Rev. Father Alexandre Lamon, Superior of the French church at Abu Gosh.

BIRTH AND BRITH MILAH
GREIDINGER — To Debbie (nee Metz), wife of Mr. Kenneth Greidinger, on Friday, December 12, 1952 (1st day of Hanukka)—a son. The Brith Milah will take place at the Rishon Hospital, Mt. Carmel, Haifa, on Saturday, December 20, 1952 (9th day of Hanukka) at 11.30 a.m. Relatives and friends are cordially invited. This is the only intimation.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS
Dr. Michael and Mrs. Anneliese Sondolover, Haifa, hereby express their thanks to all relatives and friends for their wishes and attendance at the celebration on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son David.

OBITUARY
Mrs. FRIEDA STAHL
The death is announced of Mrs. Frieda Stahl (nee Mandelstamm), in Tel Aviv yesterday. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Zvi Herman Stahl, a son and daughter. The funeral will leave from her flat, 13 Rehov Bialik, Tel Aviv, at 2.30 this afternoon.

Witness Fined for Absence, Raises Question of Remedy

By Richard Weiss,
POST Legal Correspondent

Both the High Court and the Attorney General's Office agreed that an injustice had been done to Mr. Y. Lalo when he was sentenced to a fine of IL.50 with the alternative of four days in jail, by the Tel Aviv District Court last December. Neither was quite sure, however, how to make amends and the wrong stands as yet uncorrected.

Mr. Lalo had been notified that he was to testify in the Tel Aviv District Court on December 10. He was subsequently issued with a second summons stating that the case had been advanced to the 18th. Mr. Lalo however believed that through a clerical error he had been issued with two summonses for the same day and failed to put in an appearance at the time of the session on the 18th. When the Judge was told of the witness' absence, he questioned the Court messenger about the delivery of the summons and, satisfied that it had reached Mr. Lalo's hands, he fined him IL.50 in absentia.

When Mr. Lalo turned to the High Court, the Attorney-General's Office admitted that the Judge's decision had been premature. According to the law he may impose a sentence if the witness fails to attend two sessions, or if, having failed to attend one, he does not give satisfactory reasons for his absence at the next. The Judge did not in this case wait until the following session at which the witness appeared and explained his absence.

Mistake and Remedy

The mistake was obvious, but the remedy was not. Mr. Lalo asked the High Court for a writ of certiorari, a writ which calls on a lower court to transfer the record of the case to the High Court for inspection. The writ is usually issued when the lower court has exceeded its jurisdiction or committed a legal error. Justices Olshan and Cheshin ruled that the writ could not be given to the applicant, because it can be directed only to "inferior" courts, to courts with limited jurisdiction. Israel's District Courts, however have unlimited jurisdiction and are not "inferior" courts. The High Court cannot, therefore, as in the case of Government offices and other courts inspect and rescind the District Court's decision.

Justice Agranat dissented from this formulation. He declared that there was no need to inspect the record, because the fine was obviously a "nullity." Relying on the extensive powers of the High Court, the Justice felt that it could simply declare the District Court decision void. "The spirit of justice demands our intervention," Justice Agranat said. ("It must be pointed out that it is not only an IL.50 fine which is at stake for Mr. Lalo, but also a criminal record.)

With a two to one majority, the Court thus dismissed the petition of Mr. Lalo. His dilemma became more obtuse, however, when it was pointed out that it was very unlikely he would meet with more success if he turned to the Court of Appeals. "One does not appeal by inherent right," said Justice Cheshin, "but because the law explicitly provides for such procedure." Fining a witness because he did not appear is a special sort of criminal trial; it falls neither into the category of summary trials nor into that of trials upon information. The right to appeal granted in those two cases therefore does not apply to the one on hand, was Justice Cheshin's opinion. Justice Olshan was less certain of this, but also expressed serious doubts as to whether the applicant would fare better were he to appeal.

Appeal Possible

Justice Agranat was again in the minority, holding that an appeal was possible. He found the special provision Justice Cheshin had looked for in the Palestine Order-in-Council. "... The Court of Appeals shall have jurisdiction to hear appeals from all judgments given by a District Court..."

In an effort to secure the appliant's rights, the Court — though again not in complete agreement — pointed out that he could refuse to pay the fine. He would then be imprisoned and could again apply to the High Court on the ground that he had been illegally jailed. Alternatively, the Court recommended that Mr. Lalo be pardoned.

The reasons which persuaded Justice Agranat to grant the writ, may be of considerable significance in the development of the High Court's stature. His approach seems to suggest that the Court need not be a rigid and rule-bound body. The situation is reminiscent of the days when parties lost their suits before they were heard, merely because they could not fit them into one of the existing legal pigeonholes. With the development of legal thought, "forms of action" were abolished and persons can now file suits without labelling them at all. The minority Justice's decision can be used as a jumping-board for arguing that whenever an injustice has been committed in a case which would ordinarily be heard by the High Court, the wrong should be redressed, whether or not a fitting legal cloak can be found. This sort of justice, more so maybe than legal justice, would seem to be of crucial importance to the civil rights of Israel's citizens at this stage of the country's development.

MORE FRIENDS OF H.U. IN MIDWEST

By Monty Jacobs
POST Correspondent

CHICAGO, Wednesday. — A year ago, the American Friends of the Hebrew University listed no more than thirty $10-a-year members in the Midwest. Today, one year since the establishment of a branch office in Chicago, there are more than 800 listed subscribers in the Central States.

Cancer clubs — set up usually by families who have suffered loss as a result of the disease — have sent through the office $7,000 in gifts for cancer research at the Hebrew University. Another grant — for $2,700 — was made to the University by the Leukemia Research Foundation in Chicago.

REVIEW OF YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Alliance of Two Majority Parties Imperative—'Davar'

As was to be expected all morning papers comment on the new Government coalition.

"Davar" (Histadrut) says that the attempt to broaden the coalition is not new. In view of the threatening international situation — not merely in the Middle East, the alliance of the two largest parties has become imperative. The paper hopes that it will be a real national coalition including Agudat Yisrael workers who should disregard the ban of the Rabbinical Council just as Mapam should sanitize mutzadia free itself from the tutelage of its "Rabbinical Council," though this appears to be a distant prospect at the present moment.

"Haaretz" headed its editorial, written by Dr. Castelnuovo just before the Hapoel Hamizrachi took their decision, "Without the Religious Parties." The paper calls on Mapai and the General Zionists to take into account the feelings of religious Jews and not to consider the Religious Parties as an unessential partner and not as a "fifth wheel." Although they themselves could not provide the required stability when in the Government, they might nevertheless endanger it from without, the editor warns.

"Hahoker" (General Zionists) regrets the delay in establishing the national coalition and says that this is no time for settling old accounts but a time for action. One of the foremost tasks is the depolitisation of the Civil Service to regain the confidence of the public towards the administration.

The paper says that the religious parties may join the coalition whenever they like and collaborate in the national Government. But they will have to realize that the time for bargaining is now over and that they cannot expect to get more portfolios than they are entitled to according to their representation in the Knesset.

'Majority Not Decisive'

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) believes that though there is a clear majority of Mapai ministers in the new Government their "mechanical majority" will not be decisive and they might be expected to listen, and to take into account the opinions voiced by their colleagues. If the coalition does indeed last two and a half years and municipal elections are postponed till 1955 (according to the agreement reached) there will be less need for the parties to take a demagogical line and curry favour with the electorate. The present coalition is one of the centre and there is a potential danger that there will be a certain amount of discontent and splitting away on both wings. But this danger does exist everywhere, says the paper, and the Government should not unduly worry about it. In the last resort the public will judge the coalition according to its success and efficiency.

"Omer" (Histadrut) and "Hador" (Mapai) also welcome the new coalition and call for maximum concentration of all forces willing to take part in the urgent work to be done.

"Hatzofe" (Mizrahi)) says that on principle orthodox Jewry always prefers constructive work to staying in opposition, but a "national Government" which intends to give religious Jewry a smaller representation in the Cabinet and introduce unified state education practically closes the door to the orthodox parties.

'No Majority Support'

"Hamodia" (Agudat Israel) says that "we shall not give them our daughters" and expresses the opinion that the new coalition is not supported by the majority of the people, a view shared by "Herut" "Hakol" (Agudat Israel) "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) and "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam).

The Mapam paper calls it an "anti-workers' concentration" and recalls that some leaders of the General Zionists always opposed Jewish labour on their plantations, that they symbolise social reaction and helped to nurse Jewish fascism. Mapai sacrifices the lower middle class parties in order to reach agreement with the upper middle class party.

"Israel reformism has taken another fatal step," says the paper, and it doubts whether Mapai will profit from this alliance because the bourgeoisie will not need them once its aims have been achieved.

"Herut" is particularly concerned about the part of the agreement according to which parties which obtain less than ten per cent of the total poll will not be represented.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS
A. 4.30 & 8.30 p.m.
ARNON, The Magic Carpet.
EDEN, Eve.
EDISON, Tomahawk.
OR-GIL, Distant Drums.
ORION, In the Green Arena.
STUDIO, John Middleton.
ZION, Amphibious Paris.
Haifa Cinemas
ATZMAUT (Tel.3621), Up In Arms.

Buntman Gains Tennis Laurels in US

By VICTOR PERRY, Special to The POST

LOS ANGELES. — Israel's 1951 men's singles tennis champion, Ya'acov (Baby) Buntman, is now gaining his laurels in California, where he has already succeeded in obtaining second place on the tennis team of one of the State's leading universities. The young sportsman is attending the University of Southern California here studying aeronautical engineering.

Buntman, who won Israel's championship just a few months before leaving for the U.S. late last year, has already won a mark for himself in California's sports world. In collegiate competition he has helped pace his team by winning six games while losing only one. In the Pacific Southwest elimination tournament for the U.S. amateur title, held in September, Buntman succeeded in defeating his first two opponents soundly before losing himself. They were the respective champions of the Pasadena and State colleges located in the Los Angeles area. Buntman went down in the third round to America's 7th ranking player, Tom Brown. His 6-3, 6-2 defeat was anything but inglorious, and came as a surprise to most sportswriters who did not expect the hard fought contest which developed.

Quirk of Chance

How "Jake", as he is known to his team-mates, came to be at the University of Southern California was one of those quirks of chance. Israel's former champion and two-time Davis Cup player had come originally to study aeronautical engineering at Cal-Aero Industrial school in Glendale. Shortly after his arrival he entered a public tournament in Los Angeles where the University of Southern California's tennis coach spotted him. He soon invited him to U.S.C. to play him in a court and said: "Play that fellow there. If you beat him you can be on our team next year." The opponent was U.S.C.'s fifth ranked player and Buntman beat him easily. From that day, said Buntman, Southern California has been angling for him. Soon after having been accepted he began playing eliminating games against team members, starting with the second ranking member. He beat them all, going to defeat before the rocket of Hugh Stewart, ranked at 12th in the U.S. and No. 1 man on the U.C. tennis team.

Buntman has received favourable publicity in the sports pages of the local papers where he is always featured as "Israel's champ." The young Sabra champion has fallen in well with American college life. He walks around with the gravity of a lieutenant although all football games, and meeting he loves friends, go to the beach, and with at least equal enthusiasm as his college mates.

Merhavia Hapoel Win Valleyball Cup

Merhavia Hapoel won the trophy commemorating the 33 Revolt Hapoel members who fell in the War of Independence, by defeating Bet Zera Hapoel, 3-1 (15-13,6-15,15-5) in the final of a Hapoel vollyball competition at Rehovot over the week-end.

Bet Zera were awarded the Shlomo Levita Cup for the runners-up. Safiyah Hapoel beat Gan Shmuel Hapoel, 2-0, in the decider for third and fourth places. Nine teams took part in the high standard contest.

Where to go

JERUSALEM
9-p.: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo Reception Hour 11. Feeding times 2-3 p.m.
8.30-12.30; 2-4: American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Hamelka Road. Entrance Free.
9-1; 2-5: Exhibition Hamelik Lounge. New Acquisitions, Victor Hugo. Documents on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of his death. Contemporary French Works of Art, generously donated by artists and art-lovers of France, and other recent acquisitions and gifts. Exhibit of the Munich Laboratory of an Alchemist of 1500 by David Rychaert, 1612-1661. New acquisitions of the National Museum. Hezekiah.
10-1; 4-6: Exhibition UNESCO House Rights. Artists House.
9-1: Architectural Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities, Also Temporary exhibition — Recent acquisitions in Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.
11.30-12.30 Film Show at Keren Hayesod Head Office.
TEL AVIV
10-6: National Exhibition, over 200 paintings on loan, all over the country participating. Museum.
9-1, 4-7: Jacob Fine, Woodcuts and Drawings, Rex Beach Art Shop, 12 Rehov Bin Yehuda.
8.30 p.m.: Concert of Elizabeth Davis, Great Negro singer. Ohel Hall.
HAIFA
4-7 p.m.: Exhibition of Paintings by Colin Hollis, Artists' House, 12 Rehov Ussishkin (opp. Carmelia Court).
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NEWS: Hebrew, 7 a.m., 7.30, 12.00 1.30, 6.15 & 11.00 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News) 8 a.m., 2.15 & 5.30 p.m.
6.35 a.m.: Service. 6.50 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.
10.30 a.m.: Music While You Work (R). 11.20 At the Opera (R). 11.40 Music (R). 12.05 Programme for Immigrants. 12.50 Concert Hall: Caminos for Piano and Strings (Gemeli): Symphony No. 1 (Tchaikowsky). 1.45 Break for Music. 3.30 Close Down.
4.00 p.m.: Variety (R). 4.45 Popular Instruments. 5.00 Musical Miniatures. 5.30 Child's Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Lighting of Hanukka Candles. 7.05 Programme Announcements. 7.10 "The Voice of the Violin." 7.30 "What's On" (Israel). 7.35 Light Music (T.A.). 8.00 "The Voice of The Poet." 8.30 Bible Reading. 8.45 "The Knesset and its Committees." 9.00 "Ed Tarrel Orchestra" Conductor Yehoram Gaon. 9 "The Jerusalem Workers' Choir Works by Handel, Weber & Bialer. 9.45 Chamber Music (R). 10.30 Music (R). 11.00 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
463, 224, 214 & 41.8 M.

English News 1.00 p.m.; 10.15 p.m. French 2.00 p.m.
4.00 p.m.: Forces of Music (R). 4.45 Music (R). 5.00 Programme for Young. 5.30 Hanukka Programme (R). 5.50 Science Radio. 6.00 Music (R). 6.15 Close Down.
Immigrants' Hour (31.5, 41.8 & 202 M.): French 4.30 p.m. Latinos 7.00 p.m. Yiddish 7.30 p.m.
Ed Zion Legato (31.5 M.): 11.15 p.m. Lighting of Hanukka Candles, Mayerel. 11.35 News and Views. 11.50 Musical Gastspiel.
ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 224, 225 & 229 M.): 4.30 Opening. 4.35 Lighting of Hanukka Candles. 4.55 Classical Requests. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 "Discussing & Investigating." 7.50 Piano Recital. 8.00 "The Voice of the Poet." 8.30 News. 8.45 Songs. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.
VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programmes: 2-2.30 p.m. (13, 16, 19 & 25 M.). This Week in New York.
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Interest, dividends and rents (less Income tax)	232,040	Taxes overseas and expenses not charged to other Accounts	13,264
Fire and Accident Insurance Profits	219,615	Provisions and Reserves	25,000
		Proposed Dividend (less Income tax)	65,625
		Balance carried forward	220,100
	£ 659,713		£ 659,713

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	£		£
Capital Authorised $375,000		Investments (less reserves): —	
Capital Issued:		Mortgages and Loans	265,220
250,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each, fully paid	250,000	House Property and Land, including Office Premises (at cost, less amounts written off)	25,970
General and Conflagration Reserves	250,300	Stock Exchange Securities and Other Investments	2,250,265
Profit and Loss Account	250,806	Current Assets: —	
Life, Fire, Marine and Accident Insurance Funds	3,272,159	Agents' balances and Outstanding premiums (less reserves)	760,452
Provision for Outstanding Claims	4,160,134	Cash on deposit, in hand and on current account	619,300
Creditors, provisions and revenue reserves	1,262,961	Other Assets	620,761
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		Interest Received	35
	IL. 3,650		IL. 3,650

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Haifa	21	7	14	13
Akko	21	7	14	13
Nahariyah	21	7	14	13
Safed	21	7	14	13
Tiberias	21	7	14	13
Afula	21	7	14	13
Nazareth	21	7	14	13
Beisan	21	7	14	13
Hadera	21	7	14	13
Netanya	21	7	14	13
Kfar Saba	21	7	14	13
Ramat Gan	21	7	14	13
Tel Aviv	21	7	14	13
Petah Tikva	21	7	14	13
Rehovot	21	7	14	13
Ashdod	21	7	14	13
Gedera	21	7	14	13
Rishon	21	7	14	13
Rehovot	21	7	14	13
Ashkelon	21	7	14	13
Beersheba	21	7	14	13
Gaza	21	7	14	13
Hebron	21	7	14	13
Jericho	21	7	14	13
Jerusalem	21	7	14	13

FORECAST: Partly cloudy with local showers mainly in the evening.

(a) Reading at 7 a.m. (b) Maximum. (c) Rain, millimetres. (d) Maximum humidity.

CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION rose by [illegible] last week, to IL.[illegible] last night. Treasury bills rose by IL.[illegible], to IL.[illegible].

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL went to [illegible] yesterday morning with an exchange of guards and supplies.

THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION has issued the fourth pamphlet in a series devoted to the teaching of national study. The pamphlet includes articles and notes on the methodology of teaching anatomy, zoology and biology, in schools.

WORK ON THE CONSTRUCTION of roads began yesterday at Givat Oved-Ayalon, Hakarlyon, while that of the Popular Housing Scheme is to be resumed there, starting with 30 houses of two flats each.

AFTER A TEN-DAY strike, 120 Arab Municipal employees were paid yesterday and returned to work.

A TRIPLE accident occurred on the Jerusalem-Bat Dagon road yesterday when a taxi ran into an Army truck which was being towed by another vehicle. Two soldiers were slightly hurt and a third was after treatment at the Jaffa General Hospital.

22 FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS had their licenses revoked for various periods for contravening control regulations.

THOUSANDS of pounds worth of sorely needs, including chocolate, canned halva, coffee, sweets and sugar, were found cached in a storeroom in Bahor Akiva, Tel Aviv, yesterday, when Food Controllers raided the stores after receiving information from an anonymous person who telephoned the Food Control office.

CHARGED WITH ILLEGALLY slaughtering a cow which he had bought from Akaron Makrun, a Petah Tikva dairyman, last June, Moshe Mermelstein, a butcher of 27 Rehov Shalom Aleichem, Tel Aviv, was fined IL.1,000 with the alternative of four months' imprisonment by the Tel Aviv Anti-Profiteering Court yesterday.

CHARGED WITH stealing and damaging a U.S. Embassy car which was parked in Givatayim last month, Shabtai Mizrahi, 20, was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment by the Petah Tikvah Magistrate yesterday.

A "SHERKEI" car caught fire in Jaffa on Tuesday night from a short circuit. The driver put out the fire. Damage is estimated at IL.1,000.

CHARGED WITH STEALING 70 goods coupons from a store in Kfar Saba last January, and for jilting Shlomo Amrich, whom he intervened, Avraham Hindin, 24, Menashe Halevi, 22, and Hanna Selah, 24 from Arab Kfar Saba, were sentenced to six, four, and two weeks' imprisonment respectively by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

A combined concert of the Transport and Navigation Federation Brass Band, will take place at 4 p.m. today at the Ezra Hotel.

CHILD DIES OF CRASH INJURIES

NATHANYA, Wednesday. — A child died here today as a result of a road accident and another was severely injured when struck by a hit-and-run driver.

Four-year-old Yosef Shimoni, of the new immigrants' housing project here, was hit by a car in the middle of the town and succumbed soon afterwards at the Magen David Adom station.

The other child, a boy aged about eight who has not yet been identified, was hit at the Tel Aviv-Nathanya crossroads. He was taken to Hayarkon Hospital.

Amnesia Victim Identified

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—A neat-looking, well-dressed man of about 30 attracted passers-by in Ramat Gan last night when he wandered about aimlessly as though in a trance.

He was taken to the local police station, where it was discovered that the man suffered from complete amnesia. He could not talk. After several attempts to communicate with him, it was discovered that he could read and write English. The man possessed an Army Reserve book which gave his name as Itzhak Shitreet, of Timorim near Nahalal.

When this fact was communicated to him in writing, he wrote legibly that this name was utterly new to him. Timorim, a settlement formed by South African and Egyptian immigrants, was today notified. They said one of their members had indeed disappeared yesterday morning. They said that they would come for him tomorrow.

The man is staying temporarily at the Ramat Gan Police Station.

Month in Jail For Assault in Queue

PETAH TIKVA, Wednesday (ITIM). — "Although soldiers and policemen have priority to enter a bus without queueing up, they must not take advantage of this fact, and should give way to disabled civilians and pregnant women," Magistrate I. Trevitch said here today when he sentenced two soldiers and a civilian to one month's imprisonment each.

The accused were charged with assaulting several persons who had tried to prevent them from entering a Ramat Israel bus out of turn last April.

Attempts Made to Reduce Israel's High Oil Consumption

HAIFA, Wednesday. — More oil per capita is used in Israel than in any European country, except Sweden, and the actual consumption is also higher than in many larger European countries, Mr. I.R. Kosloff, Director of the Finance Ministry's Fuel Department, said at a Rotary luncheon today.

The one million-ton annual consumption was costing the country over $40m. and represented the largest single item in our balance of payments. The large consumption was not due to our high industrialization, but because oil was our only source of energy. Efforts to streamline our consumption must obviously be made, he thought.

This could be achieved in a number of ways, and Israel was doing something in every direction.

First, oil might be struck here and the outlook was much better than in many countries which have turned out to be important oil producers. Israel's geological structure would attract enough capitalists to exploit possible resources, he believed. Developing cheap oil import sources by buying in the Middle East was now impossible because of the political situation. Therefore, we must make the most of our supplies by developing the petro-chemical industry and streamlining consumption.

A Good Start

The Chemical and Fertilisers Ltd. in Haifa had made a good start and would eventually become a great industry. The refineries too were aiding by developing efficient refining processes, including the extraction of benzine products from heavy fuel as well as helping with the petro-chemical industry.

Our industry should change to heavy fuel instead of the light expensive type now in use. Transport should be made more efficient by directing more goods and passengers to the railways, which in turn should be modernized. He cited the three recently-imported Diesel locomotives which were doing the work of 20 new engines.

The new navigation aids now being installed by the Palestine Electric Corporation would also use 25 per cent less fuel than they gave in use. Finally, he suggested that imports be divided in ports according their final destination.

Mr. S. W. Dix, General Manager of the Consolidated Refineries here, said that he was leaving the Republic after many years in the country. He had served under two regimes and in his dealings with Israel officials he had always met the most considerate treatment. The Refineries would give all help to the petro-chemical development here, he said.

NEW TURBINES FOR PEC

HAIFA, Wednesday. — A 22½-ton generator for the P.E.C. is due to arrive here in the s.s. Excellency from the U.S. next week. Boiler parts for the company are also due in the vessel.

The company's engineers are now installing two new 30,000-kilowatt turbines at the Reading power station, one of which will start producing next April. The parts arriving next week are for the second turbine.

ACCORD REACHED ON SHIMSHON SALARIES

Agreement on salary arrangements was reached yesterday in Jerusalem by representatives of the Shimshon cement factory, Histadrut and workers, but it will not be known until this morning whether the rank-and-file will accept the settlement and resume work, thus permitting the plant's power unit to supply the Capital with electricity.

State Comptroller To Probe City Fraud

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The alleged embezzlement of public funds by three Municipal employees is to be investigated by the State Comptroller, it was learned here today.

The persons involved are three foremen of the City Engineer's Maintenance Section. Charges that corruption existed in this section were pressed by the Herut faction of the Municipal Council a year ago.

Mayor Israel Rokach appointed an inquiry committee headed by Mr. D. Gidon, the Municipal Deputy Surveyor, which published its findings to a committee of the Councillors headed by Mr. S. Shochani. The committee drew up its findings last week, after several persons had been investigated and it was decided to take the matter out of the hands of the Municipality.

Largest T.B. Hospital At Be'er Ya'acov

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A new chest hospital for tuberculosis patients built by Malben in Be'er Yaacov, was inaugurated today at a ceremony attended by some 400 persons.

Mr. Charles Feinman, director of Malben, said that the new hospital marked an important stage in advanced surgical treatment for the 800 T.B. patients who can be housed there. The hospital, the largest and most modern T.B. sanatorium in the country, includes operating theatres, an X-ray centre, a blood bank, laboratories and a nurses' training school.

Although most of the patients suffer from chronic chest ailments, the monthly discharge rate is increasing rapidly and about 300 persons are now being released each month. Those present at the ceremony today included representatives of the Ministry of Health, the U.S. Embassy, Hadassah, Kupat Holim and the Anti T.B. League.

Malben is the Israel organ of the American Joint Distribution Committee and is responsible for the care of "hard-core" cases among new immigrants.

Agency, Funds Sued By Trust Company

A suit to compel the Jewish Agency, the Jewish National Fund and the Keren Hayesod to pay IL.3 for each LP.1 issued under the National Loan (3 per cent of 1949-53) was filed in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday.

The Jewish Agency issued loan certificates in 1948 to depositors who had lent a total of LP.3,000,000. The plaintiff, a Trust company representing the depositors, claimed that under an agreement reached with the Agency, depositors would be repaid at least at the rate of IL3 for each LP.1.

On due-date, the Agency computed the dollar according to the second rate (IL.40 per IL1) and declared that IL3 equalled IL.2.14. The Trust company claimed that the third rate should have been used (IL1 for IL.1) and that the depositors should therefore have received IL.3 instead of IL.2.14 for each LP.1.

Hanukka Torch Race Today

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The traditional Hanukka torch race organized by Maccabi will be run from Modi'in, near Ben Shemen, traditional burial place of the Maccabees, to Jerusalem and 20 other centres throughout the country tomorrow. More than 1,500 runners will take part.

The torch to the Capital will be handed to President Itzhak Ben-Zvi, and will then be carried to Mount Herzl where a ceremony will be held.

The torch is to be carried to Tel Aviv will pass through Ramat-Gan, where the runners will greet Israel's Chief Rabbi, Isaac Herzog, and Jaffa, where a special ceremony will be held at the Great Synagogue at 4.30.

HANUKKA PARTY FOR POLICEMEN'S CHILDREN

A Hanukka party was held for children of police at the Y.M.C.A. in Jerusalem yesterday. The Police band played traditional tunes, and the Bnei Akiva choir sang "Maoz Tzur" after Rabbi Avinadab lit the candles.

110,000 CASES OF CITRUS FOR RUSSIA

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—About 110,000 cases of citrus will be sent to the U.S.S.R. in December in two Israel ships. It was learned here today.

The Russians had refused to wait a few weeks to let the fruit take its normal colour, which happened late this year because of the belated rains.

The S.S. Hadar will leave for Odessa on Sunday and the S.S. Tufoeit will follow a week later. The U.S.S.R. has purchased 400,000 cases of citrus this year.

Kiosk Owners Meet

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The 4,500-member Association of Kiosk Owners in Israel held its first national conference at Beth Hahalutzoth here tonight to discuss earnings.

It was claimed that income from cigarettes had declined from 20 per cent of the retail value at the establishment of the State to 8.5 per cent now. Demands were voiced to increase the price of soda water from 10 pruta to 20 pruta and the price of "grasso" from 25 pruta to 40 pruta.

50 RELIGIOUS VILLAGES PLANNED FOR NULEN

NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA) — Fifty religious settlements, commemorating 50 leaders of religious Zionism, are to be set up in the Negeb region, now being reclaimed, according to a plan announced last night at a Hanukka banquet arranged by the Religious Department of the Jewish National Fund here.

Rabbi Max Kirschblum, President of the Mizrahi Organization of America, announced the conclusion of a contract with the J.N.F. for a tract of 2,000 dunams for the 50 settlements to bear the overall name of Nahlat Hahamishim.

HADASSAH STORE OF COTTON WOOL RAZED

A large quantity of cotton wool was destroyed yesterday afternoon in Jerusalem when part of a Hadassah warehouse, behind the Straus Health Centre in Rehov Straus, was razed by a fire of unknown origin.

The Fire Brigade managed to bring the blaze under control in 40 minutes, saving half of the warehouse and two others in which other medical supplies are stored.

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ESHKOL, INSURANCE MEN DISCUSS PROPERTY TAX

Finance Minister Levi Eshkol yesterday received a delegation of insurance firm representatives who presented their views on the Compulsory Loan on Property. Mr. Eshkol promised to bring the matter before the Knesset's Finance Committee for discussion.

U.N. Gives Right To Intervene In Colombo

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday (Reuter). — The General Assembly, despite grave warnings from the delegations governing Ceylon, adopted a motion yesterday allowing the U.N. power to intervene in the establishment of colombo headship.

The constituting called on the administering authorities to hold plebiscites in their territories and to give self-governing peoples the right to participate in them.

Britain, Belgium, France and Australia condemned the measure which they said went beyond the powers embodied in charters.

The motion (resolution was approved by 37 votes against 11 (mostly Soviet satellites) with seven abstaining the six chairmen.

U.S. ROCKET EQUALS WORLD HEIGHT RECORD

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — A U.S. Navy Viking IX rocket equalled the altitude record of 217 kilometres for single-stage rockets at Whitesands proving grounds, New Mexico, yesterday. The seven-and-a-half ton 13 metre rocket reached a speed of 6,370 k.p.h., the U.S. Defence Department announced.

The Viking IX carried upper air research instruments for measuring sunlight in X-ray and ultra-violet regions. Six cameras were also carried to record data and to obtain infra-red photographs of the earth's surface, the atmosphere and cloud formations.

BORIS STERN TO ADVISE ESHED

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Dr. Boris Stern, the U.N. expert on loan to the port, is leaving his active work there, because "there is nothing left for me to do because of the lack of work in the port," he said here today. He would still "advise" the port management for another month, if needed, but as it was uncertain whether there would be any more work in the near future, his productivity programme could not be put to the test.

Dr. Stern will remain in the country until next June, and will work with the Technion and the Government Production Efficiency Institute on training courses in record keeping and productivity measuring for factory management. His main activity will be with Eshed, which he will start next week. Dr. Stern is to move to Tel Aviv for closer contact with the Ministry of Communications.

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Pakistan Supports Kashmir Compromise

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday (Reuter). — Pakistan yesterday announced its willingness to accept the latest Anglo-American resolution on the long-disputed issue of Kashmir.

This proposes that the governments of India and Pakistan start negotiations immediately to determine the number of troops at the end of demilitarization.

Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, Pakistan's Foreign Minister, making the announcement to the Security Council, said the talks should be under the auspices of Dr. Frank Graham, U.N. representative in Kashmir.

He said Pakistan would agree to 20,000 Indian troops being left in Kasmir at the end of demilitarization if the Azad Kashmir forces were left intact on the Pakistan side of the cease-fire line.

U.N. ADOPTS DRAFT ON FALSE NEWS REPORTS

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday (Reuter). — The U.N. General Assembly last night adopted the draft international convention providing for the right of correction of false news reports, and opened it for signature by states.

The vote on the motion was 35 in favour, 22 against and 10 abstentions. Britain and the U.S. were among the opponents. A resolution designed to help the growth of information facilities in underdeveloped regions was passed by 52 in favour, none against and only the five Soviet countries abstaining.

Another resolution asked the Secretary-General to call a conference of information enterprises who desired to revise the draft international code of ethics for journalists.

EAST GERMANS SEEK WORK IN WEST BERLIN

BERLIN, Wednesday (Reuter). — About 100 East Germans today brushed aside People's Police with fixed bayonets and burst through a border barrier into West Berlin, police said.

Most of them were from a district around the border. They said they wanted to come to West Berlin to work.

Cables in Brief

BULGARIA. — Delegations headed [illegible] Premier to Poland's Communist Party Congress, which opens in Warsaw today. (Communist News Agency Tass, (Communist) from ALBANIA, The visit has non-party.

ICELAND. — The United government met on Tuesday offered to end [illegible] goods prices by an equal [illegible] and the resulting drop of 11.400 workers demanding higher wages.

TURKEY.—Turkey's budget for 1951, now before the parliament, [illegible] of the [illegible] for defence.

HUNGARY. — Hungary is to send industrial goods to Indonesia in exchange for new commodities, according to a trade agreement signed in Jakarta.

YUGOSLAVIA.—Moshe Pijade, Vice-President of the Yugoslav Parliament, yesterday had a four-hour conversation with the new Polish ambassador, Agnes Arent. The subject was not announced.

Infiltrators, One 82, Sent to Prison

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — The Beersheba Summary Military Court dealt with a number of infiltrators and marauders here today. Three infiltrators who were caught crossing the border yesterday were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

An 82-year old Arab from Jordan, who was caught in Israel territory last week and said he wanted to go to Gaza to visit his two wives and eight daughters, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

A symbolic fine of IL.1 was imposed on a local Bedouin who allegedly lost his way and was found in Beersheba without a permit.

For being found in possession of firearms and ammunition, a Bedouin was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

SHEPILOV NAMED 'PRAVDA' EDITOR

MOSCOW, Wednesday (Reuter). — Mr. Dmitri Shepilov, a full member of the Communist Party's new Central Committee, was today made editor-in-chief of the Party organ, "Pravda," in succession to Mr. L.F. Ilyichev.

Mr. Ilychev, an alternate member of the Central Committee, was last month dropped from the editorial board of the Committee's magazine, "Bolshevik," which was renamed the "Communist."

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW ONEG PLAY PEN WITH PICTURES ?

Father Beat Children, Says Sister of Bluma Fraenkel

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Lea Fraenkel, the second daughter of Mr. Yehiel Fraenkel, today charged her father with cruelty by detaining her sister, Bluma, for 18 years.

Bluma was discovered by the Police last Monday in Mr. Fraenkel's home in Bnei Brak where she had been held in a small dirty attic without communication with the outside. She is now in the Bat Yam Mental Home.

Lea, a 43-year old divorcee and mother of two children, was herself discharged from a Mental Home several months ago after eight months of treatment. She was the one who pleaded with social welfare workers to send the Police to release her sister.

At the Ramat Gan Police Station today she complained continuously for six hours that her father used to beat her and her two sisters, throw them out of the house and take away all the money they had ever earned.

Fraenkel's second wife, Esther, 32, also made a statement to the Police in which she tried to absolve her husband of any guilt, blaming all his misfortunes on his first wife, who she alleged, always badgered him for money and would demand more and more in violent quarrels. Thus, she said, the atmosphere in which the children grew up.

Fraenkel will be brought before the Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court tomorrow morning.

Father of Six Is Jailed for Bigamy

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM). — The Tel Aviv District Court today sentenced Ovadia Shmuell, 32, of Hatikva quarter, to six months in prison for bigamy.

Both the defence lawyer and the prosecutor asked Judge B. Kanaan to impose a light sentence on Shmuell, saying that he had four children by his first wife and two by his second.

Stein, Guilty of Killing 3, Sent to Mental Home

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM) — Peter Stein, 21-year-old soldier, who last December shot and killed three persons and injured six others in Kfar Bitzaron, was today found guilty of murder by the District Court here and remanded to the Be'er Ya'acov mental home for prolonged observation.

Dr. N. Bar Eshai, President of the Court, said in his judgment that it was beyond doubt that the accused had shot and killed his victims. On the strength of evidence of experts he held that at the time of the shooting Stein was insane.

The accused, who appeared quite normal, understood the verdict and expressed his appreciation of its fairness.

Trial Ends of Nazareth Orphanage Matron

ACRE, Wednesday.—The trial of Miss Dlal Razzi, 45, matron of the Wasifyeh Orphanage, on 30 charges of mistreating her wards and an illegal burial, closed here today.

Defence witnesses Father B. Laham, secretary to Archbishop Hakim, and Mary Khoury, a nun, of the Nazareth Greek Catholic Order, denied that the accused had been the matron or even responsible for the direction of the orphanage. However, they had known of her good behaviour and treatment of the children for 30 years.

Miss Khoury, a religious school teacher, said her girl pupils were allowed neither toilet soap or perfume, nor even mirrors. A former Moslem teacher, Mr. El Fahoum said that teachers beat their pupils "for their own good." He recalled that his mother also used to beat him severely.

In his opposition defence counsel M. Nuweri dwelt on the failures of Archbishop Hakim under whose auspices the orphanage is run. The Judge charged him because "the children, and not the archbishop, is on trial."

The verdict will be given on December 21.

'Herut' Closed for a Day

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The newspaper "Herut" will be closed for one day, tomorrow, for violation of the censorship regulations.

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THE "People's Peace Congress" now taking place in Vienna is the most important manoeuvre of the East this year in their cold war against the West. Its motto could well be the story of Machiavelli's prince in his "Principe" who "never preaches anything else but peace and good faith and to both he is most hostile, and, were he to keep either of them, he would be deprived of both his reputation and his kingdom many a time." Few illusions have remained in this country as to the neutral character of the "Peace" movement, and it is typical that the would-be Israel representatives in Vienna are all well-known members of Mapam and Maki who realize only too well the real nature of this Communist-front organization.

VIENNA AND PRAGUE

A few naive clergymen and intellectuals from France or Italy might still think the trip to Vienna worthwhile, but it has become much more difficult for Jews to be naive since the Prague hangings and the new anti-Jewish line — hailed as a big victory for the cause of peace by the Communist press in this country and abroad. The real crime of the "Peace" movement is not that it attracts innocents to serve the Eastern cold war manoeuvrer, but that nobody can say or do anything now on behalf of peace without being taken for a dupe.

The Vienna conference has not been a striking success; according to reports received from the Austrian capital, only half of the guests originally expected, arrived there, and the demonstration staged by the Congress was by far the least successful of its kind for several years.

If the "People's Congress" were really willing to contribute towards world peace, it should join the appeal directed yesterday by the Congress of Cultural Freedom — a world-wide non-partisan organization of thinkers, writers, scientists, and artists — to the Secretary-General of the U.N. asking for the establishment of a special U.N. Commission to investigate the circumstances surrounding the recent Prague trial. Signatories include Ignazio Silone, Francois Mauriac, Upton Sinclair, Stephen Spender, Julian Huxley, John dos Passos, Bertrand Russel, Sidney Hook and many others. The appeal says that the Prague trial constitutes a flagrant violation of both the preamble and Article One of the U.N. Charter, as well as Articles Ten and Eleven of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It also says that the introduction of "Zionism" as a synonym for anti-Semitism is a charge close to incitement to racial genocide on which Nazi leaders were sentenced to death at Nuremberg.

There is no room for sanguine optimism as to the effect which the establishment of such a U.N. Commission might have, but its importance should not be underrated either. Public indignation in the West about the anti-Semitic policy in the "People's Democracies" has been apparently far more violent than originally expected in the East: in their recent declarations, Communist leaders, such as Gottwald, have tried to dispel the bad impression which had been created. If a U.N. commission succeeds in preventing a further deterioration in the situation of the Jews behind the Iron Curtain, it will be of considerable importance. This, then, is a matter which should receive the full support of all partisans of world peace (without quotation marks). But the Kesztheism fluid in Vienna appears to be the most unlikely place to look for such people at the moment.

100,000 SIGN MAPAI PETITION ON TRIAL

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—Some 100,000 people have so far signed the Mapai-sponsored declaration in support of the Government's policy on the Prague trial, according to Mapai headquarters here today. The campaign will continue for a week.

In large towns, only workers in their workshops are asked to sign the declaration, but in smaller settlements house-to-house canvassing is being conducted.

It is reported that many Mapai members have signed the declaration, although some of the better known members of that Party, again on the Left,

BEHIND THE MIDDLE EAST NEWS — By Achimeqel

Trouble in Iraq and Persia

AYATULLA Kashani does not aspire to a revival Caliphate; all he wishes is the *de facto* command of the Faithful from Morocco to the Pacific, Much of Kashani's public relations is intended for Western magazines.

The fact is that even among the Shiites of Persia and Iraq (eight per cent of all Moslems) his influence has been sporadic. With all his undoubted talent for wheeling and forming coalitions, he has been thriving on circumstances rather than producing them. As a matter of fact most of his activities have come to nothing. During the long reign of Reza Shah between the wars, Kashani was sitting tight and confusing his demagogy to sacred courtyards. In 1941 he took part in the Rashid Ali rising in Iraq, yet, significantly, he was unable to obtain the support of the Shiites of the South, returning from exile in 1950 he joined Nawab Safawi's "Fiydayan el Islam". When Safawi was arrested plans for the assassination of Kashani were found on him. Kashani then joined another terrorist organization, the "Mujahid el Islam", founded by his son Mustafa and his brother-in-law Shams el Din Ghavatabani.

Kashani's Zealots

The socio-political importance of Kashani's zealots can in no way be compared with that of the Moslem Brotherhood in Egypt or in other Arab countries. Their organization is less deep-rooted, less traditional. Kashani derives his present limelight position from the support he lent to Mossadegh's "National Front" when it was threatened by the action of the Shah and Ghavam es Sultana's conservative landowners. He was elected President of the Majlis, a position he reduced to burlesque. Although an uncertain ally, it is even more dangerous to ignore him: his nuisance value might easily be fatal.

The latest events in Iraq have found Kashani on the spot, in a way Iraq was his natural field of action. He had spent his youth among the sacred ruins of Najaf, Kerbalah and Samarrah; his father was killed by General Maude's troops at Kut el Amara. It was in Iraq that he was sentenced to death after the First World War by the British. The latest crisis was a God-sent opportunity for pulling strings — both in order to strike at the hated Nuri Said and to unfurl the banner of Pan-Islam. In fact the call to the Shiite masses to demonstrate against Mahmoud's Government in Iraq created a compound danger.

Three-fold Danger

First of all there was the possible effect of his action upon the Iraqi Shiites, who still live in a world of religious escapism far from the realities of Iraqi statehood. Since the abortive Shiite putsch in 1935, antagonism against the Sunnis has smouldered without losing its vitality. It is a fight for hegemony. Even within Nuri's governments, the Shiites have excelled at a sort of obstinate intransigence. Saleh Jabr, though certainly an Iraqi nationalist, draws his opposition largely from Shiite sentiment.

Kashani's intervention was also intended to work upon the Iraqi Shiites' complex about "imported" Sunnite rulers of Baghdad.

The second danger was that Kashani's campaign would abet Communist action. Since Ghavam es Sultana's bid against Mossadegh, co-operation between Kashani and the outlawed "Tudeh" has become increasingly pronounced. In interviews with "La Crubr", the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" and other congenial mouthpieces, Kashani has shown himself to be remarkably friendly to the U.S.S.R. and light-heartedly optimistic about Persian relations with the Soviet who are, after all, no less infidels than the British or Americans. "Tudeh" agents, more fully equipped with the necessary techniques than Kashani's zealots recently organized the dockworkers' strike at Basra and the significant peasant revolt in Amara. They played a skilful part in the latest disturbances.

The third danger is the threat of terror: murder pure and simple. Kashani's sectarians are inspired by the mediaeval hashashin who carried out assassinations on orders of the Supreme Guide in the name of Islam; most of the victims have so far been Moslems. The threat that these practices may be extended from Persia to Iraq has preceded Iraqi counteraction and there is a price on Kashani's head. But this is a calculated risk, and Kashani has taken care to reduce this danger by means of a bodyguard, modelled on the familiar pattern.

Creating Trouble

There was overt action, too. The Iraqi Government instructed its Ambassador in Teheran to protest against the activities of Kashani, though they knew that this is not the time to get rid of Kashani. This move was intended to create as much diplomatic trouble as possible for Persia. As was foreseen, Hussein el Pahlavi's reply was evasive and revealed embarrassment.

More disquieting were Iraqi plans for stirring up trouble among the Kurds of Northern Persia. The time was propitious since Mossadegh's reforms had already created unrest. Mahmud's government — he himself is of Kurdish stock like Nuri — has allocated new funds, despatched emissaries and technical equipment to Kurdistan in order to exploit the situation.

To counteract unrest, the Persian Government has despatched planes to drop leaflets and a Cabinet Minister lavishing promises upon the Kurds. Kashani has issued an appeal, and for the moment the situation appears to be under control, but the shadow of intrigue has not lifted.

State Lottery Builds Hospitals

OF IL.1.8m. spent by the public on "Mif'al Hapayis" lottery tickets from its inauguration in October, 1951, to September, 1952, about IL.600,000, or 40 per cent, have already been handed over for the construction of new, and the renovation of old, hospitals in the country. Prizes to the value of IL.660,000, 44 per cent of the total, have been won in the drawings. Agents received IL.136,000 or 13 per cent, and IL.45,000 or three per cent have been spent on salaries and on the extensive publicity campaign.

Before making an allocation for a hospital, a meeting is held between the Ministry of Health, the Mif'al Hapayis directorate, and the Municipality or local authority concerned; the latter must always provide a sum equivalent to one half of that contributed by the Payis, so that the lottery provides two-thirds and the local authority one-third for any new hospital project.

Hospital Buildings

During the 15 months of its existence, the scheme has provided IL.383,403 for a large hospital now under construction near Hakirya. The building is seven storeys high with two underground floors. In addition to providing for a new wing recently added to the Haifa Rothschild Hospital, which cost IL.34,000, the lottery has added 20 new wards to the Petah Tikva Maternity Hospital, donating IL.24,000 for this project.

Mif'al Hapayis' was planned soon after Tel Aviv Mayor Israel Rokach returned from Switzerland and reported that all hospitals there had been built from funds raised by lotteries. With Government aproval a committee was set up comprising the Mayors of Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa, Holon and Hertsila with Dr. M. Landau, representative of the Ministry of Finance, as Chairman. The active work of the organization is done by a staff of eight clerks under the management of Mr. M. Berlin, the general secretary.

Widespread Publicity

Mif'al Hapayis' has launched one of the biggest and most widespread advertising campaigns yet witnessed in this country. Posters and notices have appeared on hoardings all over the country; slides have been shown in cinemas and advertisements placed in newspapers. The lottery drawings have been broadcast and mirrors hung up in street corners, with the inscription: "The man you see may win a large prize."

The space for publicity is usually alloted free of cost if owned by the Municipality or at a minimum fee from private concerns, such as cinemas, cafes and theatres.

The sales operation is smoothly run by two agents who work on a completely independent basis and manage hundreds of agencies throughout the country.

'Mif'al Hapayis' has so far been successful; it has been hailed wholeheartedly by the public, who live in the hope of winning. With new hospitals in mind for Jerusalem, Safed, Ramat Gan, Kfar Saba and Kiryat Bialik, the "Payis" plans to expand and develop in order to cover wider spheres and attain bigger results.

G. B.

KEEPING POSTED

JERUSALEM has been enjoying the sensation of a president within its precincts. People have always crowded and craned their necks for kings and princesses, but it is presumably the ultimate triumph of democracy that the fact that a man has been elected president by his fellows immediately turns him into an object of supreme interest, even though two months ago they might have watched with total indifference as their future president queued at the grocer's to pick up the evening's lebeniya.

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QUITE a crowd collected to watch Mr. Ben-Zvi under the Knesset for his inauguration were moved along with further unnecessary talk of necessary by over-zealous police. We heard of how girls who had got themselves good places on the pavement right across from the Knesset and were annoyed to discover that they would not be allowed to remain even on the doorsteps of the shops opposite when the moment came. Presently they disappeared into the shop itself, and a while later took up convenient posts inside the shop window, which gave them an excellent view and rendered them to all intents and purposes invisible to the zealous police.

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A NOTHER president who walked to his inauguration was Thomas Jefferson, who became President of the United States in 1801. It was not pure humility — he is reputed to have said that Pennsylvania Avenue(on which the White House is situated) was one long mud-puddle, and that it was a great deal wiser to go on foot than on horseback or by carriage. He also needed the exercise, he said, and walking was much the safest way of getting anywhere in Washington.

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THE change in emphasis within the coalition from orthodoxy in religion to orthodoxy in economics has come as a blow to quite a number of classes, including girls from religious families reluctant to perform national service, and black marketeers who need controls before they can operate profitably. We came on such an ill-assorted pair commiserating with each other in a market in Tel Aviv; more exactly they were the mother of a daughter now helping in the house who would have to go and help some place else, if service is made compulsory for all, and a man who said he had bought a large stock of socks in all without points, and that the bottom had been knocked out of his market. They got along nicely with their complaints, and parted in the warmest of friendship, saying, after all, what could you expect of a Mapai Government?

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BUT we have also heard what seems to us a basis for future compromise. A little boy from a strictly observant family told his mother in confidence one day that he intended to marry the girl next door in due course. The mother asked him how he could want to marry a girl who he new was not religious? What was the real difference, asked the boy? The mother told him that people who were not religious had no belief. As the boy clearly did not understand, she added "she doesn't go to synagogue on Shabbat for instance." Hey the boy was delighted — "That's fine," he said, "then she can stay home and cook dinner for us much better."

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Reuben' Letters

IMMIGRATION FROM THE WEST : TWO VIEWS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — As a new immigrant from Belgium I was most interested in Dr. Neumer's letter (your issue of December 9) on immigration from the West, and your editorial "Americans in Israel" on December 12.

I agree with Dr. Neuner and am convinced that his views are shared by a large majority of would be immigrants from Western countries.

Referring to the question of military service, last August, the Prime Minister touched on the question of reducing military service to six months for those who had already served two years in their country of origin. Since this Knesset session nothing further has been heard on the subject.

I believe it is of primary importance to all young immigrants that a decision be reached as soon as possible.

Yours etc.,
S. T.

Tel Aviv, December 14.

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Referring to (Dr.) H. Neuner's suggestions to increase immigration from the Western countries (your issue of Dec. 9), it is really hard to understand, why, an immigrant from the West, who has the right to take with him all his personal property, should get a better rate for his hard currency than the immigrant robbed of most of his wealth by the government of the country of his origin. Why should a young man from the West be exempt from military service while others must serve two and a half years besides serving in the countries they came from. There was once an attempt to create a privileged section in Israel's army through "Mahal" units. As we all know this did not help "m'shalshim" in the army or in the country; on the contrary, youth from the West came here to fight for an ideal without asking for privileges. As to the third point I see no reason why an immigrant from the West should have less trouble when he wants to visit his parents than one who has his parents in other countries.

We need immigration from the West, we need their technical and professional know-how but we cannot create new classes of society when we are struggling to integrate the many different cultures that make up Israel.

Yours etc.,
ARIE OLSHEVSKY

Tel Aviv, December 9.

GOOD RESULTS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — I am a recent arrival from Canada, who has just finished the necessary routine of any settler entering the country.

I had some misgivings when I began these pursuits, due partly to rumours of red tape, and due partly to omissions through ignorance on my part of certain documents.

I should like to state quite clearly that every person from the top to the bottom that I came in contact with, was unbelievably helpful.

In the customs, immigration and traffic departments, the warmth and efficiency of these people oppressed with overwork, small quarters, and unfamiliar situations, should generate gratitude that under the circumstances, results are so good.

Yours etc.,
DANIEL FREEMAN

Tel Aviv, December 4.

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WEST GALILEE NOTEBOOK

Yehiam Faces the Future

Here, now, in the thirsty drought of this relentlessly sunny winter, hearts are lifted as one drives up into the hills of Western Galilee. Once the huge Ma'abarot of Naharia has been left behind, the green of the irrigated land round the Kabri springs refreshes the eye, and in the distance rise the volcanic conical hills which are so impressive for Europeans and quite different from the old, worn-down, gently curving ranges of Central Israel and Judea.

Just beyond Kabri stands the obelisk commemorating 12 of 47 who fell here in the attempt to break through to besieged Yehiam. Their memory remains green even without the stone. When I passed along this road in 1949 in a bus, there was no memorial — only the blackened ruins of the armoured cars incinerated the place. One young driver stopped the bus and told us the story in simple words, motivating this unusual procedure in one sentence. "I think it is only just," he said, "that we who drive along this road in comfort and security today, should stop to remember those who helped to make it safe."

Scattered Land

A little farther on, close to a busily clattering little stone-breaker and quarry, a narrow, but well-kept road branches off towards Yehiam and two other new settlements on neighbouring hills, Gaatse and Eyn Yaakov. At the time of the War of Liberation Yehiam was only a strategic point: the imposing remains of the Crusaders' Fort (Khirbet Jedid) crowning the hill formed quite a serviceable stronghold for our boys. The castle is picturesque, especially from one point in the village, where a lawn topped by formidable boulders makes an excellent contrasting foreground. The fort had still been in use in Turkish times, having been carefully repaired, and fell into ruin only during the Mandate. The huge ashlars forming the base demand admiration, especially when it is remembered that they were set up 800 years ago without mechanical aid.

Yehiam is blessed with lovely views in every direction, and the little village itself has a few lawns and exceptionally charming individual front gardens, so that on the whole it makes the impression of a group of Swiss chalets, huddled together on some Alpine peak, several thousand metres high. Rocks and boulders, boulders and rocks; and all around the steep conic mountains of Western Galilee. Five years after they came, the settlers are only now beginning to clear a terrace of some few dunams, so that they can grow their own vegetables nearby.

Their land — far too little of it — lies far away in the valley, scattered in several plots, 600 dunams here, 2,000 there, carp ponds in the Emek Zevulun near Kfar Masaryk, and 2,000 dunams rented in the Negev. Last year they made up their minds to set up an ancillary industrial plant, consulted the Agency and chose, out of several projects, a chocolate factory. They share the work with their neighbours of Gaston. Now, when it has only been producing for half a year, it is on the point of closing own for lack of raw material. — Seems there is something wrong with our planning, doesn't it?

New Hope

The spirit of the young kibbutzniks is excellent and optimistic, as is only to be expected from people who have made such heavy sacrifices and are still making them. There are a 120 of them, with 40 infants under school age. They have a youth group of Hashomer Hatzair from Old Jerusalem with them, and are full of their praise zeal and efficiency.

Yehiam is one of those settlements which on the one hand renews the faith, in our youth and our future, and in the other hand awakes bitterness because of the unnecessary mistakes we still continue making. Perhaps we shall find pleasant surprises waiting for us when next we drive that way — perhaps not.

PAULA ARNOLD

Men and Things

PERFIDIOUS Albion! She is for ever destroying the myths the rest of the world believes about her. Napoleon's taunt about "a nation of shopkeepers" has been completely refuted since the war, when Britain has had crisis after financial crisis. The shopkeeper's parsimony and selfishness have been blasted in the greatest spate of social spending the world has ever seen. The grey lady of the north, wrapped in her miles of prim suburban shawl, has also seen her narrow Puritanism exalted into a legend contrasting with the wild tales told about her Gallic neighbour: Latin and Germanic dunnaes, who bred their girls for matrimony in a stiffer mould, could trust their darling daughters to the ga..es-playing, moustache-twirling Englishman. But the sly old lady, wriggling like an eel from the able vestments in which we clothe her, produced last year her Festival, a thing of airy grace and colour, a streamlined vehicle of the arts; and next year, at the coronation of the young queen, there are to be more high jinks.

Commercial advertisements are to be removed from Trafalgar Square, and that nodal grey masonry of the capital is to be floodlit. Where the young Queen Victoria at her coronation could remark nothing more wonderful than an octogenarian lord falling and rolling down some concessional stairs, the new queen will be able to see an equestrian statue of Charles I fitted with a scarlet cloak for the occasion, and young Eros in Piccadilly Circus, who is usually hoarded up for festive occasions, will be open to view

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